





certain, that the slaveholders, standing upon the doctrine asserted in his Ashburton treaty, claim his authority for Governmental protection of slave property in the Territories.

For our own part, we adhere to the old doctrine of the Liberty Party, which was re-affirmed by the Buffalo Convention of 1848—a doctrine sustained and by opinions from the Supreme Bench, and many decisions of high Judicial Tribunals in the South—viz: that Slavery is a creature of local law, and being against national right, and at the moment the law passes beyond the bounds of the Law creating or sustaining it. Hence, a slave of Florida escaping to Jamaica becomes free, and the British Government protects his recovered rights. Hence, a slave carried by his master from Maryland to Massachusetts becomes free. For reasons, first, because the local law which determined his status in Maryland, has no force in Massachusetts, and secondly, because the Constitution of the latter State prohibits slavery.

Hence, too, we hold, that when a slave from any of the States is carried by the voluntary action of his master upon the high seas, under the American flag, or into Territories, under the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States, there existing no positive law recognising him as a slave, and without opening the local law under which he was held having ceased to be in force.

LITERARY NOTICES.

LETTERS OF A TRAVELLER, or Notes of Things seen in Europe and America. By WILLIAM CULLEN BRAY. New York: Putnam. 1850. Duettoes pp. 412. For sale at Frank Taylor's.

We have found very agreeable desultory reading in this handsome little volume of Letters, and have no higher pretensions than to furnish this notice to the author, as he judiciously informs us, will be satisfied by a very moderate success. It is simply an agreeable selection from a correspondence ranging over a good part of both Continents and a period of some fifteen years. A few passages, as for example the description of Edinburgh, or that of displaying his fine powers of observation; and, indeed the last chapter on Mesasaur country for an idle summer's afternoon.

THE GOSPEL, ITS OWN ADVOCATE. By George GRIFFIN, D. D., New York: Appleton. Duettoes, pp. 351. For sale at Frank Taylor's.

An agreeably written and very handsomely printed volume, in which "mainly the internal evidences of Christianity" are discussed through seventeen chapters. An interesting portion of the book is occupied with a notice of the celebrated opening of Gibbon's fifteenth chapter, and we are sorry to see that Dr. Griffin repeats the misrepresentation of saying that Gibbon "lacks issue" with the advocates of a Special Revelation. He says, "We may be permitted, though with becoming submission, to say, not *indeed what seems the first*, but what were the *secondary causes* of the rapid growth of the Christian?" Mi'man, with just reason, says, in his note on the passage, "Direct it is the history of nations betrayed by the subsequent tone of the whole disquisition, and it might commence a Christian history written in the most Christian spirit of candor?" We commend this notice to Dr. G. and all future commentators.

THE CONQUEST OF CANADA. By the author of *Hochelaga*. New York: Harper & Brothers. Two volumes, duettoes, pp. 391, 396.

Circumstances have not permitted us to give more than the most cursory attention to this neatly gotten-up and promising history. Like many other histories, we observe, it begins with the creation, and indulges in several luminous philosophical digressions, suggested especially by the contact of the races in America. The narrative is brought down to the campaign of 1760—the capture of Quebec by Wolfe taking place September 13, 1759. The style is an agreeable plain-taking history, well filled with the variety of information required by the subject.

For sale at Frank Taylor's.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF ETHICAL PSYCHOLOGY, IN A SERIES of nine lectures. By John BATES DODD. Fowler & Wells. N. York, 1850. Pp. 168.

Garnished with a trueness portrait of Mr. Dodd, and sold for 25¢. This gentleman's theory of the universe is somewhat novel, and his way of stating it lively and entertaining. Fortunately, perhaps, for the theory, it is at least fifty miles beyond the reach of any test to prove it—one of his doctrines being, that beyond our atmosphere, the sun, being pure electricity, becomes inviable; also, that the earth is continually expanding in size, which must be at a very slow rate, since its diurnal rotation has been varied by the action of the sun, since the days of Hipparchus. We hope some of the readers of this little treatise may be prompted thereby to sounder thought than its author seems capable of exercising.

THE American Tract Society have published the following:

1. The Divine Law of Beneficence. By Rev. Parsons Cooke.
2. Zacheus: or, the Scripture Plan of Benevolence. By Rev. Samuel Harris.
3. The Mission of the Church: or, Systematic Benevolence. By Rev. E. A. Lawrence.

These are already reprinted in all of the well-written tract and heartily commend the little volume which unites them all the well-meaning and thoughtful.

DICTIONARY OF BIOGRAPHICAL, KNOWN WORKS, AND EDITORIAL. Oliver Byrne, ed. D. Appleton & Co. New York. Nos. 8 and 9.

The neatness, apparent thoroughness, and abundant illustration, with which this valuable work is got out, are a fresh surprise to every reader of our articles, and those who are fond of "locking ships" and "Dry-docks" in the present issue are excellent examples. Price 25 cents per number.

LIFE AND CORRESPONDENCE OF ROBERT SOUTHBY. His portrait & brethren. New York. Part 3.

We have lost the thread of connection, and so have not read this number through in course, and only enough to see that it is well filled with Southby's most interesting literary and private correspondence. As a letter-writer, his ease, copiousness, and his letters are especially valuable. More charming specimens we have never seen than are scattered here and there. For sale at Frank Taylor's.

DOUGLASS'S JOURNAL OF MAIN. March and April, 1850. Cincinnati: bi-monthly. \$3 per annum.

This Journal, with a most highly title-page, and somewhat very discussions of "Duality and Deceitment" and kindred topics, will be sought for by the young and those who are fond of following vague and tedious pioneering of embryonic sciences. It is a most happy thing, as we regard it, that such a publication exists, with charity so broad as to give a welcome to all the new lights that beam in the busy brain of our generation. But, entirely aside from this, there seems to be a department reserved for common sense and established truth, as well as for judicious practical essays.

THE CHRISTIAN EXAMINER and Religious Miscellany. Boston: William Crosby and H. P. Nichols.

The May number of this able review has been upon our table, and we have to say it has several able and interesting articles, which are characterized by a highly commendable tone of liberality and fairness.

FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS. Notice is hereby given to elect a Representative in Congress from this District took place 27th ult, and again resulted in no choice. The poll-taking in the vote in the District, as contrasted with the vote at the last trial:

	March, 1850.	May, 1850.
Benj. Thompson (F.)	- - - 4,483	4,544
Jos. G. Palfrey (W.)	- - - 4,187	4,181
Fredrick Robinson (F.)	- - - 2,702	(withdrewn)
Sumner	- - - 773	793

The two towns yet to hear from (Ashby and Boylston) gave at the last trial 52 majority against Mr. Palfrey, and will, therefore, back over 200 as a section.







